Deplorable condition of National Highway No. 52

2561. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that deplorable condition of the National Highway No. 52 from Lakhimpur to Jonai (Assam) is due to unusual delay in construction of major bridges and replacement of semi permanent bridges; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government for its improvement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) No. Sir, National Highway No. 52 from Lakhimpur to Jonai is in a traffic-worthy condition as all the bridges on this reach are capable of carrying truck traffic. Temporary bridges are being replaced by permanent bridges in a phased manner subject to availability of funds.

Funds for Maintenance of National Highways in West Bengal

2562. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not providing any funds for the maintenance/repair and construction of National Highways in West Bengal; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have received any communication from the West Bengal Government for releasing of funds for maintenance of National Highways in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir. Funds are being provided regularly to West Bengal for construction as well as maintenance/repair of National Highways within the resources available.

(b) to (d) The Government of West Bengal had projected a requirement of Rs. 2531 lakhs for maintenance of National Highways during the current year. Against that, a sum of Rs. 723.71 lakhs has already been released so far.

Impact of redline bus services on D.T.C.

2563. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the losses suffered by the Delhi Transport Corporation during the last three years, till date;

(b) whether the revision in its fare, introduction of greenline services and opening of new routes have improved its financial position; if so, to what extent and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the introduction of redline services in the capital has had an adverse effect on the finances of D.T.C. if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take/have taken so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Working Loss (excluding Interest & Depreciation)	Net Loss (including Interest & Depreciation
1989-90	56.87	119.85
1990-91	113.23	197.48
1991-92	83.86	203.82
1992-93 (Upto Oct., 92 Prov.)	29.92	128.60

(b) Yes, Sir. The cash loss is expected to be reduced from Rs. 83.86 crores in 1991-92 to about Rs. 58 crores in 1992-93.

(c) There has been a decline in the daily earning of DTC on its city services in September and October, 1992. The daily average income of DTC on city services during Sept., 92 was Rs. 44.29 lakhs whereas in Oct., 92 it was Rs. 40.67 lakhs only.

(d) Government have been continuously monitoring the performance of DTC with a view to improve its functioning. Increase in fuel efficiency and tyre life, reduce the number of break-downs by better maintenance practice, and economy in expenditure have been some of the measures regularly being undertaken. Plugging leakage of revenue is another measure which DTC undertakes through effective checking. Speedy disposal of scrap, route rationalisation are other measures being taken to augment the DTC revenues.

Sethusamundram Canal Project

2564. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Tamil Nadu Government regarding the Sethusamundram Canal Project;

(b) whether Government propose to implement the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) A letter had been received from the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal in the 8th Five Year Plan.

Road Fatalities in Delhi

2565. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi accounts for more road fatalities than Bombay, Calcutta and Madras put together;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three years and till date; and

(c) what steps Govt. have taken or propose to take to reduce road fatalities in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of fatalities are as under :—

Cities	Years			
	1989	1990	1991	1992
Delhi	1583	1670	1820	1581 (Upto 15-11-92)
Bombay	444	400	365	288 (Upto 30-9-92)
Calcutta	468	463	452	N.A.
Madras	413	507	428*	N.A.

*(Fatal accidents, No. of total fatalities not available).